

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

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Stated Meeting, January 1.

Present, fourteen members.

Dr. PATTERSON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The judges of the annual election held this day, reported that the following officers had been chosen for the present year:—

President.

Nathaniel Chapman, M.D.

Vice-Presidents.

R. M. Patterson, M.D.

Franklin Bache, M.D.

A. Dallas Bache, LL.D.

Secretaries.

Hon. J. K. Kane,

Robley Dunglison, M.D.

A. L. Elwyn, M.D.

J. F. Frazer.

Counsellors for Three Years.

Robert Hare, M.D.

Wm. Hembel,

C. D. Meigs, M.D.

Henry Vethake.

Curators.

F. Peale,

J. P. Wetherill,

John C. Cresson.

Treasurer.

George Ord.

Letters were received and read:—

From the Royal Academy of Sciences of France, dated 19th November, 1846, acknowledging the receipt of the Society's Transactions, Vol. IX. Part 2, New Series: the Transactions of the Historical and Literary Committee of the Society, Vol. III. Part 1: the Bulletin of the Society, Vol. IV. Nos. 30, 34, &c. &c.: and,—

From the Western University of Pennsylvania, stating the destruction of their Library by fire, together with their apparatus and Cabinet, and asking aid from the Society to restore their Library.

Which letter was, on motion, referred to the Librarian.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Astronomical Observations made at the Radcliffe Observatory, Oxford, in the Year 1844. By Manuel J. Johnson, M.A., Radcliffe Observer. Published by order of the Radcliffe Trustees. Vol. V. Oxford, 1846. 8vo.—*From the Radcliffe Trustees.*

Twenty-sixth Report of the Council of the Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society, at the close of the Session, 1845–46. Leeds, 1846. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

The American Journal of Science and Arts. Conducted by Prof. Silliman and B. Silliman, Jr., and J. D. Dana. Second Series. Vol. III. No. 7. January, 1847. 8vo.—*From the Editors.*

Sound and Sanctified Scholarship: An Address delivered at the Dedication of the New Edifice of the Western University of Pennsylvania, &c. By David H. Riddle, D.D. Pittsburgh, 1846. 8vo.—*From the Trustees.*

Reports of the Surveyors General, accompanying the Annual Report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office of Nov. 29, 1845. Doc. No. 12. Part 2.—*From the Hon. Jos. R. Ingersoll.*

Treaties of Peace between Great Britain, the United States of America, and France, in the English, French, and Chinese Languages. Reprinted from the Chinese Repository. 8vo.—*From Andrew P. Happer.*

A Committee, consisting of G. W. Smith, Dr. R. M. Patterson, and F. Peale, was appointed to inquire into and report

concerning the destruction at sea, by lightning, of the packet ship Thomas P. Cope, of this port.

Stated Meeting, January 15.

Present, twenty-four members.

Dr. CHAPMAN, President, in the Chair.

Upon taking the chair, Dr. Chapman returned thanks to the members for his election to the office of President of the Society.

A letter was received and read:—

From Mr. John B. Sartori, dated Leghorn, 20th September, 1846, announcing the donation of specimens of fixed mercury, which he desired to be examined.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Proceedings of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Selected from the Records. May 26th to December 1st, 1846, inclusive.—*From the Academy.*

Boletín de la Sociedad Economica de Amigos del Pais de Valencia. Año 7. Tomo 4º. Agosto, 1846. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

The American Journal of the Medical Sciences. Edited by Isaac Hays, M.D. No. 25. January, 1847. Vol. XIII. 8vo.—*From the Editor.*

Journal of the Franklin Institute of the State of Pennsylvania. Vol. XLIII. No. 253. Third Series. Vol. XIII. January, 1847. No. 1. 8vo.—*From Dr. Patterson.*

The African Repository and Colonial Journal. Vol. XXIII. January, 1847. No. 1. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. V. January, 1847. No. 49. 8vo.—*From Messrs. Lea & Blanchard.*

Life of John Heckewelder. By the Rev. Edward Rondthaler. Edited by B. H. Coates, M.D. Philadelphia, 1847. 12mo.—*From Mr. Townsend Ward.*

Message of the President of the United States, communicating a Report of an Expedition, led by Lieut. Abert, on the Upper Arkan-